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Your Life, Your Campus, Your News

“Decisions you make now will affect the rest of your life.”



Isa Adney, author of “Community College Success,” speaks with DMACC students on Monday, Sept. 17. Photo by Cainon Leeds

Isa Adney visits Boone campus

By Kolby Vetter
Contributing Writer

The author of a community college success book told about 230 students and staff that their time spent on campus now can be the key to success later.

“Decisions you make now will affect the rest of your life,” said Isa Adney, who’s “Community College Success” book was published this spring. “What you do now can end up being very powerful in upcoming years.”

Adney encouraged her

listeners to make the most of their time on campus: join a club, be a leader and cut out fast-food, which is what she calls drive-thru education.

Adney visited the Boone DMACC campus on Monday, Sept. 17, as part of a speaking tour that included all six DMACC campuses. The White House calls Adney a “Community College Superstar,” according to a press release, and she shared her personal stories that led her to where she is today.

Adney said she had grown up

with tough family circumstances. Neither of her parents went to college, her two brothers had illnesses that left the family with a mountain of medical debt. The money wasn’t exactly coming in fast.

Still, when it came time for college, “my parents said I could pick any college I wanted,” said Adney, “probably because they had so much debt, they figured what’s a little more.”

Adney, who is from Florida, wanted to attend school in state, and she picked a small, private

college on the beach. The tuition for one year: \$25,000. Days before she was set to start the semester she changed her mind. “I knew I couldn’t do that to my parents.”

Adney drove to her local community college, sat outside the advisor’s office and felt lost. “For the first time, I lost hope.”

That’s when Adney had to come up with answers, and a question she challenged many of the students in the audience with was “Why are you here?”

“It has to be for you,” Adney

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Hydration Stations

By Elizabeth Wallerich
Staff Writer

The water fountain on the first floor in the main DMACC building was updated over the summer to include a bottle filler. The water is chilled and filtered.

“I wanted DMACC to be greener,” said Boone campus Provost Tom Lee. He got the idea after seeing the water bottle fillers at Des Moines University.

“I also thought people would be responsive to the idea,” Lee said.

Josh Bond, a DMACC student from Australia, said that because of the fountain he gets his water from the tap instead of buying one.

“It’s cool,” he said.

The fountain, called a hydration station, is a mix between a water fountain and bottle filler. There is also a hydration station in the new apartment building 1309 and another one outside the gym.

Lee asked Dean Hatch, head Building and Grounds Supervisor, if it was possible and feasible to install the stations. From there, Hatch was able to find a supplier in Ames. Then, Mark Schaudt, a physical plant tech was able to replace the old drinking fountain with the hydration station. It costs about \$1,000 per station.

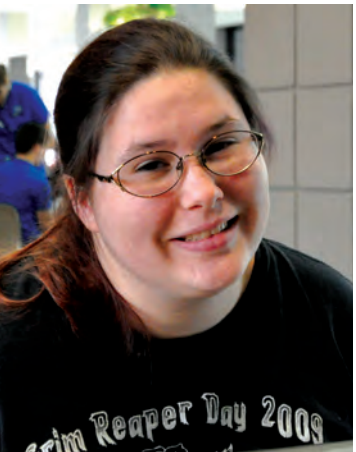
The college has ordered another station for the second floor and would like to have four

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Who is your favorite teacher and why?

Brandi Botkin



“Jerrine McCaffrey because she’s understanding and kind to students.”

Jayme Stoneburner



“Diana Byriel. She was my 4th grade teacher and my son had her twice. She made learning fun and was a very compassionate teacher.”

Sandi Johnson



“Nick Thorpe and John Doran. I finally loved math after having them.”

Ann Kiesel



“My AP English teacher, Mrs. Robinson. She actually engaged me in the subject of English and made me want to become an English teacher.”

Matt Lemken



“Mr. Beacon, my choir director from high school. He brought energy and humor to the classroom.”

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Voter registration drive



Photos by Cainon Leeds

Representatives of the League of Women Voters encouraged students to register to vote as part of their table display in the Courter Center on Wednesday, Sept. 19. Students from the DMACC News Media and Politics class also volunteered to help register voters. Nancy Brown, Marcia Thompson and Linda Murken from the League of Women Voters help DMACC student Kevin Brown.

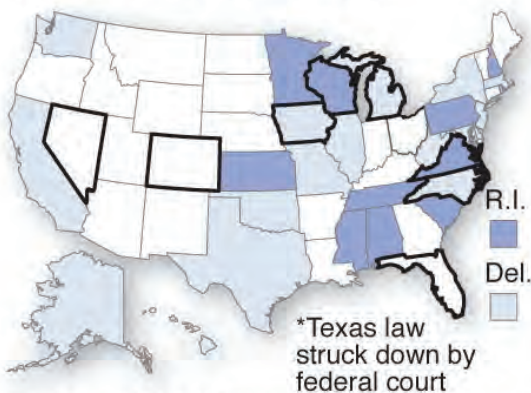
New voting laws for states

On Election Day, millions of voters could be affected by new laws that will make it more difficult to vote. States that passed such laws in 2011-12 or have legislation pending:

■ Law passed ■ Bill pending □ Swing state key to win in presidential election

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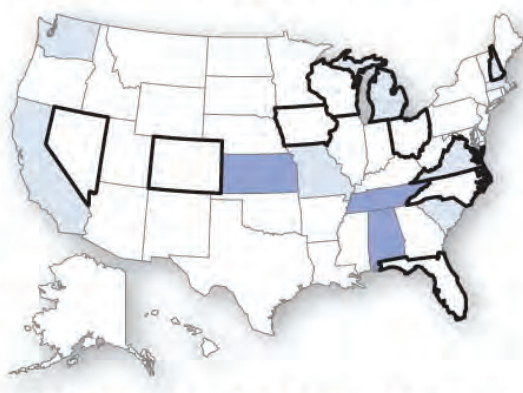
Require government-issued photo ID in order to vote*



Before 2011 Two states had laws

Proof of citizenship

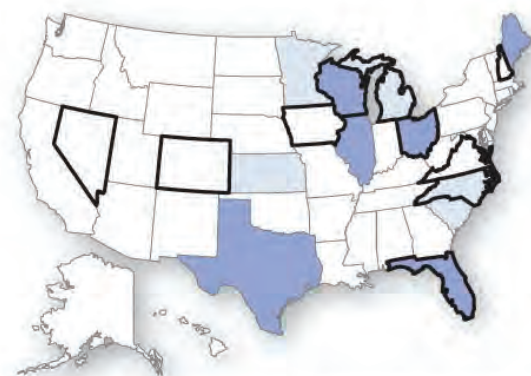
Require proof, such as birth certificate, to register or vote



Before 2011 Two states had laws

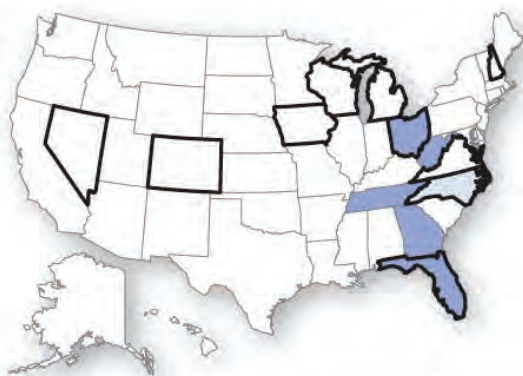
Restrict registration

End Election Day and same-day voter registration or limit registration drives



Early, absentee voting

Limit early voting periods or absentee voting opportunities



• **No restoration of voting rights** Florida and Iowa now permanently disenfranchise most citizens with past felony convictions

NOTE: Some states with laws passed also have bills pending on the same topic

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Governor on campus for STEM discussion

By Cainon Leeds

Editor-in-Chief

Gov. Terry Branstad and Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds visited DMACC on Wednesday, Sept. 12, to talk to local educators about STEM. According to the STEM website, iowastem.gov, STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and mathematics, and it is an initiative to raise awareness about these areas. Reynolds and University of Northern Iowa's President Benjamin Allen co-chair the STEM Council, which consists of up to 40 members from across Iowa.

According to a study conducted by Harvard University in July of this year, Iowa has shown the slowest rate of improvement in math, science and reading compared to the 40 other states involved in the study over the past 19 years.

The governor created STEM by executive order in July of 2011 to encourage students, parents and educators to take interest in science, technology, engineering and math. The STEM Council meetings offer places where

educators, businesses and government officials can meet, talk about advancing the areas of STEM and work together to meet those goals.

"Kids need to see the connection between what they're learning in class and real jobs," Branstad said.

DMACC instructors who were present at the meeting gave their own perspectives on STEM and its future.

"I think the STEM Council will be good for DMACC," said John Doran, a computer and math instructor at DMACC Boone.

"It's encouraging to know that these four areas are being addressed," he added.

Mary-Beth Hanlin, a biology instructor at DMACC Boone, agreed saying that "It's a great idea to get people interested in STEM courses."

However, the STEM Council was also viewed with some skepticism and given some suggestions by the instructors.

"There are two major problems facing STEM right now," Doran said. "The first is that



Photo by Cainon Leeds

Gov. Branstad and Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds answer questions regarding the governor's STEM project on Wednesday, Sept. 12.

standardized test scores in STEM areas are low and the second is that female students tend to avoid those four areas of study."

Hanlin voiced similar concerns regarding standardized test scores: "If you look at the ACT scores, you'll see that they are low in the STEM areas."

"I think we need to quit putting so much stress on standardized test scores," Hanlin added,

pointing out that some schools teach primarily to pass tests, not learn the actual subject matter.

Nancy Woods, a physics and math instructor, echoed Doran's concerns about female students in STEM courses. "The truth is that STEM areas are just not welcoming all students."

She attributed the problem to the fact that, in comparison to other courses, there are fewer fe-

male instructors in science, technology, engineering and math at most universities.

Doran, Hanlin and Woods agreed that the STEM Council needs to encourage growth from elementary school through college, that everyone in the process needs to support the program if it's going to work, and that it's too early to tell if the STEM Council has had an effect on education.

College regulates bulletin boards

By Cainon Leeds

Editor in Chief

The bulletin boards on campus are reserved for materials related to DMACC -- no business or political ads are allowed.

"Bulletin boards are for information or announcements relevant to the College, students and staff," says the DMACC Student Handbook on page 36. The handbook also states that "items must not be affixed to glass or painted surfaces" on page 36.

For the material to be relevant, it must have something to do with DMACC.

For example, Tom Lee, provost of DMACC Boone, said, "We do not want business ads or political ads up on our billboards."

He explained that unfair or over representation would be the result of allowing ads not related to DMACC. Lee also expressed that any student would be welcome to propose a billboard specifically designed to address a topic of interest.

There are several bulletin boards located around DMACC Boone. There are two set up next to the bookstore, one at the landing of each stairway to the second floor, two outside rooms 128 and 130, two along the hallway outside the restrooms on the first floor, one devoted to transfer information on the second floor and five in the nursing wing.

Some of them are specifically centered around sports, fitness, intramural activities, medical information, transfer information, job announcements, and travel. Others provide general informa-



Photo by Cainon Leeds

The bulletin board on the landing of the south stairway.

tion regarding upcoming events at DMACC.

When asked about whether or not a class project could be put up on the billboards for public attention, like a creative writing assignment that an instructor requires the student to share with the student body, Lee said, "That would be acceptable because it has to do with a DMACC class."

However, students cannot simply post things up on the billboards whenever they feel like it. They need to get them approved, otherwise the material will be removed. In order to post something on the billboards, someone must submit the content to the front office for approval, have it stamped and dated.

If an unstamped, undated piece of material is posted on

one of the billboards, it will be removed.

"I do my best to check on the billboards periodically," Lee said, adding that sometimes DMACC custodians also remove unstamped and undated content from the billboards and walls.

DMACC student Anthony Ames, posted political fliers on the bulletin boards earlier this semester. He noticed they were no longer posted a short time later.

Ames, who hadn't had his fliers stamped, said he was unaware of the rules governing bulletin boards.

"Honestly, I've never heard of this policy before," he said.

However, Ames does understand the need for the policy. "I think there should be some regulation of what goes up on the billboards."

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said. "If you follow what you really enjoy, you will make money. Figure out what you love to do."

A good place to start is your peers. She encouraged the students to meet other students who want to succeed. Besides family, peers have the strongest influence on your life, she said.

Adney really found this out when she was named the recipient of the Jack Kent Cook Scholarship, an \$110,000 award. Her friends literally cried on the floor with her, tears of joy.

Besides peers, Adney also discussed two other important aspects that can lead to success: professors and professionals. She started by telling the students about her relationship with her professor that she will never forget. She said this professor helped her get on track and helped her realize community college was a great option. "He told me that community college can be a launching point that can take off and lead to many great things."

Adney stressed to the students that getting advice is key.

"Not trying is the worst mis-

take you can make."

Another thing that got Adney going were the professionals. She decided to pinpoint the things that really excited her and get ahold of people who are big in those areas. Adney contacted many big time public figures including the CEO of Disney, the Orlando Magic's top executive, and fellow author Cal Newport, for advice and to get their stories. Adney encouraged students to take that advice when they hear it.

DMACC student Luke Elder, an ag business major, said he enjoyed Adney's speech.

"She did a really nice job of explaining her story, and proving that finding success at community college is possible. Getting advice by talking to professionals about what you enjoy is key." Elder hopes to someday work at John Deere as a salesperson.

Adney ended her speech by telling students to really figure out what you love and work hard to get to there someday. "If you do what you enjoy, the money will be there."

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Photo by Cainon Leeds

DMACC student Bailey Arrandaie gettting her chariture drawn on Wednesday, Sept. 19.



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John Smith gets his blood pressure checked by DMACC nursing student Emily Taylor on Monday, Sept. 24

The Bear Briefs

PBL BAKE SALE

Enjoy a sweet treat at the Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) students’ bake sale Wed., Sept. 26th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lunch and Learn Fall Series

All students, staff, and faculty are welcome to attend any or all the 2012 Lunch & Learns “Healthy Living.” You are encouraged to bring your own lunch and a healthy snack will be provided. These events are sponsored by the Student Activities Council and Fitness/Sports Management.

Wed., Oct. 3, 12:30 to 1:15 p.m.,
Courter Center

“Healthy Walk”(1 mile outside)

Tues., Oct. 23, 11:15 a.m. to 12:10 p.m., Room 173

“Get Fit with Outdoor Resources” presented by Ledges State Park Manager Andy Barlett

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A shuttle service is available for DMACC students traveling between Ames and Boone. The Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency operates the shuttle bus service. The bus drop off and pick up will be at door #1 on the Boone campus. The cost is \$2 per trip (\$4 round trip) with DMACC student ID. Various times are available. See the display by the registration window for more details or call 1-877-686-0029.

Give A Can When You Can...

DMACC’s food pantry can always use non-perishable food items. A donation box is located outside room 123/124.



Photo by Cainon Leeds

The hydration station outside the library entrance.

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in the building eventually. As of press time, this fall, the hydration station on first floor has saved about 2800 plastic bottles from going into the landfill. Student responses have been mixed between not knowing about the stations and approval of them. Bailey Smith said, “I’ve never been there. I bring a full bottle

from home.” Jeremy Weigel said, “It’s a good idea...better than spilling half your drink.” Charles Mathews said, “It’s a very good idea and it keeps from damaging containers and making a mess.” Mary Phipps said, “I hadn’t noticed it.”



Photo by Cainon Leeds

Former DMACC student Nate Andersen sings during karaoke on Thursday, Sept. 13



Golf team places 2nd at ILCC

DMACC -- Sophomore Mackenzie Watts of Huxley shot an 85 and finished seventh overall as the Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) women's golf team placed second at the Iowa Lakes Invitational Sept. 23 at Brooks National Golf Course in Okoboji.

North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) won the six-team tournament with a score of 327. DMACC was second at 350 and Iowa Central Community College (ICCC) finished third with 361 strokes.

Other DMACC scores included an 86 by sophomore Kelsie Berke of Algona, an 89 by freshman Jalyn Briley of Boone and a 90 by freshman Miriam Rinehart of Boone. Berke tied for eighth, Briley tied for 11th and Rinehart finished 14th.

NIACC's Alexandria Eckenrod won the individual competition with a score of 77.

The DMACC women's golf team will play in the AIB Invitational Sept. 28 and 29 at Lake Panorama National Golf Course in Panorama.

Men's golf finishes 3rd at Clarke

DMACC -- The men's golf team came away with a third-place finish at the Clarke University Fall Classic Sept. 16 and 17 at Thunder Hills Country Club in Peosta.

American Institute of Business (AIB) won the team championship with 583 strokes. St. Ambrose University finished second at 591 and DMACC was third with 594 strokes.

Sophomore Nate Schill of Gowrie and freshman Nico Costa of Anamosa led the Bears with 36-hole scores of 146 and tied for sixth place in the individual competition. Schill shot rounds of 72 and 74 on the par-71 layout and Costa shot a pair of 73s. Sophomore Andy Fraser of Huxley shot 147 and finished ninth. He carded rounds of 73 and 74.

Other DMACC scores included a 155 by freshman Nate Gute of Carroll, a 157 by freshman Brad Christensen of Carroll, a 161 by freshman Tanner Ludwig of Carroll and a 164 by sophomore Matt Lageman of Algona. Gute had rounds of 77 and 78 and finished 28th; Christensen turned in scores of 79 and 78 and tied for 35th; Ludwig tied for 43rd on rounds of 80 and 81; and Lageman tied for 48th behind rounds of 84 and 80.

Johnny Schwaller of AIB took medalist honors with a three-under-par 139.

DMACC will play in the AIB Invitational Sept. 28 and 29 in Panorama.



Grand View Invitational

Photo by Jodi Jurik

DMACC cross country runner Anna-Grace Fleckenstein competes in the Grand View Invitational on Sept. 21 in Des Moines.

Cross Country team finishes 7th in Heartland

DMACC -- The DMACC cross country team competed in the Heartland XC Classic Sept. 14 at Ames and came away with a seventh-place finish.

Competing against five teams from four-year schools and one community college team, the Bears scored 210 points in placing seventh. Iowa State University (ISU) won the meet with 24 points and the University of Missouri finished second with 35 points.

"It was great to get to run on ISU's course," DMACC cross country coach Jim Dose said. "We practice there quite often so it was nice to run in familiar surroundings."

Any time you run against Iowa State and the University of Missouri you know that it is tough competition, but our runners continue to improve."

Freshman Alissa Van Klootwyk of Knoxville was DMACC's top runner. She

finished 36th with a time of 23 minutes, 16 seconds. Sophomore Brooke Schweikert of Ames was 41st in 24:08; sophomore Kirstin Angus of West Des Moines finished 43rd in 24:26; freshman Taylor Gwiasda of Ames was 44th in 25:36; and freshman Mary Prusa of Des Moines was 46th in 26:24. Freshman Anna Fleckenstein of Cedar Rapids finished 48th with a time of 28:15.

Bears sweep



Photos by Jodi Jurik

The DMACC volleyball team swept NIACC Sept. 19 at home. The set scores were 25-14, 25-18, 25-15. Pictured are Roxanne Grundmeier, photo at left, and Mia Pierson, above.

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No shame for Kate, only for stalkers

By **Gina Barreca**
(MCT)

You’d think that being a gorgeous, charming, sophisticated young princess fully accessorized right down to having an adoring, healthy and attentive young king-to-be at one’s side would have solved most problems, wouldn’t you?

I’ve had plenty of off-days when any combination of those elements _ gorgeous, charming, king-to-be at my side _ would have gone a long way toward cheering me up. But we’ve learned this week that even Kate Middleton isn’t enviable _ at least not all the time.

This week’s collective cultural copping of a feel has transformed the Duchess of Cambridge into merely a pair of breasts, the holder of the Royal Rack.

Gone from sight and sound are the young woman’s good works and bon mots; eclipsed are the dazzling smiles and apparently affectionate interactions with her delighted audiences in Britain and abroad.

She’s been reduced to a just another girl gone wild, a young woman without a bathing suit top sunning herself on a deck. She could be a Page Three girl from the English tabloids or a cast member from Jersey Shore (although she’d need a bigger tan. That’s right: tan).

The paparazzi wanted to get those photographs of Middleton because she’s “somebody.” Yet the effect of being photographed in such a way is to be cut down to size: to be made into “any body,” to be made into an object. Finally, it is to be treated like nobody at all: just a pair of breasts and a behind. Mostly people seemed disappointed that there weren’t little crowns on her, or some other distinguishing features. 32B or 32 not to be? That’s the only question.

Ask any woman when she was first reduced to body parts _ as if being evaluated by Perdue for sale by the pound _ and she’ll tell you.

Most of us remember. Mine was when I was walking home from school by myself in the eighth grade. I was wearing a new pea coat I’d bought with baby-sitting money. This was the early 1970s and I looked more like a stowaway from Palermo than a chorus girl; I looked like the old cartoon character “Dondi” except with longer hair. Whether it was the hair or the coat, it was enough to get me noticed by a Monte Carlo filled



with high school guys who drove by and shouted really dirty stuff. Really. Dirty.

I was deeply ashamed of myself. And that’s the part that still gets me: I didn’t do anything. Why should I have been embarrassed?

The guys were the morons. They were the ones engaged in nasty behavior. If their mothers heard what they said, they would have hit them over the head with frying pans _ and not just once. But instead I was the one who slunk down, red-faced, hating my new jacket. Some of Middleton’s critics argue that, as a royal supported by the state, she should have known better than to reveal her naughty bits except indoors, as if she were living in during the Blitz. Or under Shariah law, perhaps.

But of what, exactly, is Middleton meant to be ashamed? Is she being punished for making us want to look at her?

C’mon, she’s one of the most photographed women in the world. She’s not some poor girl with low self-esteem who misjudged how to become popular and removed her top for Twitter. Nor is the princess hoisting up a frothing pint of Whitbread and flinging her breasts into the camera as if proclaiming “Oyik! These belong to Britain!”

The photographs of Middleton are pretty far from lascivious. They have all the illicit sexuality of the puppy tugging at the bathing suit bottom of the 4-year-old in the Coppertone ad.

Sure, you can make that image erotic if you choose, but if you do, you’re probably already on the predator’s list and have other stuff to worry about.

One thing Middleton _ or any other woman _ shouldn’t have to worry about in the 21st century is being ashamed of herself for having a body.

Just shout “Honi soit qui mal y pense,” that phrase on Great Britain’s royal coat of arms meaning “You’ve got the problem, buddy, not me” whenever the paparazzi, or guys in Monte Carlos, go by.

Decision 2012: U.S. education and competitiveness

By **Steve Capus**
(MCT)

The first presidential debate is coming up the first week in October. The economy is the No. 1 issue on voters’ minds, but moderators and citizens alike should ask candidates to explain the connection between jobs, education and American competitiveness. President Barack Obama and Gov. Mitt Romney will have a chance to address this issue when they participate this week at NBC’s “Education Nation” summit _ but this important question deserves even more _ it deserves a prime-time slot. We’ve reported many stories about American businesses that are concerned as to whether the United States has enough qualified workers to stay on the cutting edge. There is good reason to worry: a recent Harvard University study found test scores for high school students in eight regions, including Hong Kong, are improving at twice the rate of our students’ scores. Furthermore, the United States still only graduates 73 percent of its high schoolers. That number is the highest since 1973 _ an achievement, certainly _ but I have yet to meet a small-business owner or parent who considers leaving more than a quarter of our population behind a success or who thinks this persistent failure won’t eventually affect American livelihood and more broadly, U.S. competitiveness.

While our national unemployment rate is 8.1 percent, there are still companies struggling to fill certain jobs. U.S. manufacturers have an especially hard time finding qualified workers.

According to the Manufacturing Institute’s

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“Must you do that at the table?”

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Boone campus theater goes to the dogs

Holmes’ ‘The Hound of the Baskervilles’ is fall’s play

By Connor Nystrom
Contributing Writer

Forget elementary, my dear, Sherlock Holmes is going collegiate.

This fall, Sherlock Holmes will be the star at the Boone DMACC theatre for a play filled with suspense, mystery and...demonic hounds? “The Hound of the Baskervilles,” which was written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle -- the same author of the famous Sherlock Holmes books that have made their mark in the entertainment world, including two Hollywood films nominated for numerous theatrical awards -- is the theater department’s selection this semester.

Kay Mueller, the director of the show and also a speech and theater teacher, said this play was chosen for number of reasons. One of the most important aspects when Mueller is choosing a play is identifying the students who would be interested in the play. Some may have graduated from DMACC, some may be returning for a second year of theatre, or some may be brand new to the whole experience. In the past, many students are start-

‘The Hound of the Baskervilles’
Legend has it that a fiendish killer hound has it in for the Baskerville family. Is the beast real or supernatural? Only Sherlock Holmes can solve the mystery and keep the hound from striking again.

ing fresh when they walk through the auditorium doors to audition. Mueller said everyone is more than welcome to audition for a part in the play, no matter what experience one may or may not have. She also explained how if acting on stage is not really your thing, you’re more than welcome to help out with any of the other important aspects of the play: lights, set crew, costumes, hair and makeup, and many other exciting aspects that come along with getting ready for opening night.

Getting to that opening night also takes a lot of work for the students involved as well, Mueller said.

Abbey Brouwer is returning this year to DMACC for another round in the theatre department. She said last year it was a lot of fun to participate in theatre and

she was also excited about Mueller’s play choice of “The Hound of the Baskervilles” because of her love for Sherlock Holmes.

Brouwer said her theatre experience at DMACC helps her on and off the stage.

“Theatre is a cool way to meet different people at DMACC. It’s really fun to see first timers step out of their comfort zones and perform in front of their peers.”

Brouwer also said it helps you as well. “You bond so much with your cast and crew over the performances. It gives you a special connection to that show and those people.”

The play is scheduled for Nov. 9 and 10 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 for the general public, and if you are a DMACC student and present your DMACC High-erOne card, admission is free.



Photo by Cainon Leeds

Students audition Monday, Sept. 17, in the theater for the fall play, “The Hound of the Baskervilles.” Pictured left to right: Taylor Baggett, Jolynne Carlson, Matt Beyer and Nick Bassett.



Photo by Cainon Leeds

Students study their lines during try-outs for the fall play, “The Hound of the Baskervilles.” The play is set for Nov. 9 and 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Theatre. Pictured left to right: Rachel Davis, Matt Beyer, Abbey Brouwer and Sean Hanlin.

In Theaters Now

Let the ‘Possession’ take hold

By Connor Nystrom
Contributing Writer

Jewish demons, thousands of moths, and 100-year-old teeth sure make for an interesting storyline in the recent

Movie Review

horror film “The Possession.” On a cloudy Saturday afternoon, a friend and I decided to head over to Movies 12 to catch this new release. As a horror-film fanatic, I was rather excited to see this one. With recent horror movies such as “The Devil Inside” and “Paranormal Activity 3” not making the top of my list, I had high hopes for “The Possession.”

Based on a true story, the movie follows a young girl named Em and her family: her father Clyde, mother Stephanie, and older sister Hannah. Set during the winter in upstate New York, the cold, cloudy weather and depressing storyline really sets the tone throughout the movie. With her parents recently divorced, Em and Hannah stay with their mother throughout the weekdays and with their father on the weekends.

After picking up his daughters for the weekend, Clyde takes the girls to his newly-built house for a “fun” weekend of



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unpacking boxes. Em wanders around and eventually finds an old-looking box with strange carvings all over it. Difficult to get open, Em stops at nothing to find the mysterious way to open the box. After finally opening the box, Clyde and Hannah notice strange behavior from Em.

After multiple violent occasions all relating back to “the box,” Clyde takes it upon himself to find out what is happening to his daughter. He goes directly to a religion and history professor who tells him that the box was created hundreds of years ago to “enslave” a Jewish demon that was tormenting a tribe in Israel. Fast forward to the present day, Clyde is told that he must find a genuine male of Israeli and Jewish descent to see what he can do

for Em. After driving to Brooklyn to find someone to help him, he is told that the only way to get rid of the demon is to order it to leave Em.

After a grim series of events, the movie concludes in a rather ubiquitous manner. But, to see the movie for its full effect of horrific glory, you must see it in theatres or rent it on DVD when it is released within the next few months.

Overall, I would say that “The Possession” is definitely one to check out. It may not cause you to lose sleep at night, but will leave you with chills at some points.

But please, if you find an old mysterious-looking box in the future, keep walking.

Cast list

Lady Agatha Mortimer: Abbey Brouwer
Perkins: Julie Nagel
Watson: Brett Edmundson
Sherlock Holmes: Sean Hanlin
Mrs. Barrymore: Rachel Davis
Sir Henry: Matt Beyer
Barrymore: Nick Bassett
Kathy: Kodie Butterfield
Jack: Austin (AJ) Woolson
Laura Lyons: Taylor Baggett
Seldon: Chris Shannon
Director: Kay Mueller
Assistant: Stephanie Clemons

Crew/production

Matt Lemken
Mary Rowan
Emily Rubenking
Jonathan Hoff
Lynette A. Taylor: stand-in/understudy for all female roles
Alyssa J. Peterson: light crew head

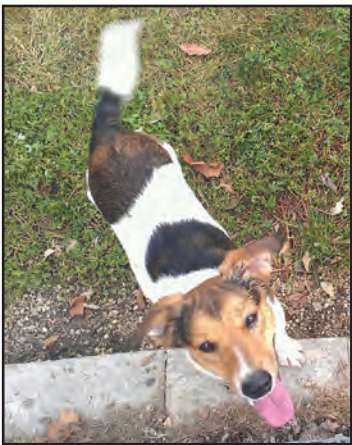
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Pet Feature

Laddie

Hawk



Laddie is approx. 9 mos. old. He is a beagle mix. Laddie is extremely high energy and loves to play. He will do best with older children in a home with a active family. Laddie loves to play with other dogs but will need a "friend" who is of equal energy!!



Hawk is a very handsome boy. Loveable with everyone and everything. He is also very playful!! Hawk would love to have some children to play with.

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This week's horoscopes

Today's Birthday (09/25/12). It looks like a year of exploration and adventure, with travel, education and communication. Philosophy, other cultures and spirituality stir your curiosity. Continue living within your means. After November you may be able to buy something special.
To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.
Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 6 -- You know just what to say. Share ideas and ideals. Whisper sweet nothings. Details fall into place and you get rewarded. Friends are here for you. Sleep well tonight.
Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 6 -- A friend leads you farther ahead (as if you're not already super-efficient). Keep going, there's more work coming in. Smile at your good fortune. Make plans with friends later.
Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 6 -- Intuition reveals an opportunity. You may discover that all is not as you'd expected, and that's good. Delight in the new experiences. Contact associates for news or work.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 5 -- You all advance to the next level (even if you don't feel like it). Don't worry, you gain experience and it all turns out for the better. Allow others to contribute. Send a press release.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 6 -- You're drawing positive attention. Others ask your advice. Share your ideas, but not the personal stuff. Be bold when asking for money. You'll accomplish more than you think possible.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 5 -- Friends and family of friends are very helpful, if you allow it. Get it in writing. Listen to an interesting suggestion (and to your intuition). Your partner gets a lucky break.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- You're becoming more interesting. Choose a person who's fun and talented, create seemingly-impossible plans, and then make them happen together. Preparation and dedication make it work.
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Create your own opportunities for financial success and fun. Surround yourself with

friends that know what they want, and that bring you joy. Share the love. You can solve a puzzle.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 6 -- Everything clicks in your communications. A lovely moment's possible now. Improve your living conditions, and invest in newer technology. Get another perspective before purchasing.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 5 -- Stop, and listen. You get a brilliant idea. Keep working at it until you get it, trying new creative steps each time. No one expected this. An investment at home is okay. Expand your vision.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 7 -- Every suggestion won't work, but you won't know unless you try. Your influence grows; don't be afraid to use this in a positive way. Your family and community want to help.
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 5 -- You'll get a lot of your questions answered when you listen. Don't act yet. Share results first. Everything seems possible, but choose your next steps carefully.

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ACROSS
1 Sitcom's test episode
6 Sitcom interrupters
9 Holy Roman emperor crowned in CMLXII
14 In on, with "to"
15 Keg attachment
16 "Yep"
17 Corfu or Crete
19 Hopping mad
20 Close again, as a Ziploc bag
21 Volkswagen sedan
22 Scary Nile snakes
25 Salute heard at the Forum
27 Friend of Monica and Rachel on "Friends"
29 Dumbbell abbr.
30 Selfish sort
31 Snow-block home
34 Ab __: from day one
37 Classic Frances Hodgson Burnett children's novel
40 CIA precursor
41 Arkin and Alda
42 Queen, in France
43 End of a professor's email address
44 Makes sense
45 Once-common childhood ailment
51 Flower stalk
52 Boca __
53 Young bird of prey
55 Primitive calculators
56 Entrée go-with, or the aptly placed part of 17-, 25-, 37- or 45-Across
60 Spiced rice dish
61 Cinque men due
62 Prefix with -dactyl
63 Keep in the warehouse
64 IRS W-4 info
65 Saudi Arabia neighbor
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1 NBA scoring stat
2 Like some reduced mdse.
3 Commit perjury
4 Supervises
5 Trike rider
6 On the ocean
7 Lama
8 Wizard's incantation
9 Séance accessory
10 Good scores on par-fours
11 "a wrap!"
12 "sight!"
13 "Word on the street is ..."
18 "Dead?": Mark Twain play
22 Probably will, after "is"
23 Persian sovereigns
24 Jabs in the ribs
26 Thick-soled shoe
28 Serrated kitchen tool
31 Pension supplement, for short
32 First Bible bk.
33 USN officers
Saturday's Puzzle Solved
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34 Keats, notably
35 Change of __: trial request
36 Early aft. hour
38 Game with rooms and weapons
39 Republican region, on a political map
43 Toyota Prius, e.g.
44 Wheel-supporting shaft
45 High roller's game
46 Nun's wear
47 __-Turkish War
48 Homes in trees
49 Sock purchases
50 Humorous poet
54 Catch sight of
57 NASA moon craft
58 "We the World"
59 Mafia boss

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EVER SINCE I LAID EYES ON YOU, I'VE BEEN HEAD OVER HEELS. ARE YOU AS DEEPLY IN LOVE AS I AM?
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